THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JUNE 20, 1994

AN ACT

- Providing for employees of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission to be transferred to the Pennsylvania State Police.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Definitions.
- 6 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 7 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 8 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 9 "Organized crime." The unlawful activity of an association
- 10 trafficking in illegal goods or services, including, but not
- 11 limited to, gambling, prostitution, loan-sharking, controlled
- 12 substances, labor racketeering or other unlawful activities or
- 13 any continuing criminal conspiracy or other unlawful practice
- 14 which has as its objective large economic gain through
- 15 fraudulent or coercive practices or improper governmental
- 16 influence.

- 1 "Public corruption." The unlawful activity of any public
- 2 official or public employee under color of or in connection with
- 3 any public office or employment, or any candidate for public
- 4 office or the agent of any candidate for public office under
- 5 color of or in connection with any public office or employment.
- 6 Section 2. Investigative employees.
- 7 All investigative employees of the Pennsylvania Crime
- 8 Commission who, at the discretion of the Commissioner of the
- 9 Pennsylvania State Police, are transferred in such capacity to
- 10 the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation,
- 11 on July 1, 1994, shall be deemed law enforcement officers and
- 12 shall have the authority to conduct investigations of and make
- 13 arrests for offenses involving organized crime and public
- 14 corruption.
- 15 Section 3. Analytical employees.
- 16 All analytical employees of the Pennsylvania Crime Commission
- 17 who, at the discretion of the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania
- 18 State Police, are transferred in such capacity to the
- 19 Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, on
- 20 July 1, 1994, shall be deemed investigative officers within the
- 21 meaning of 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57 (relating to wiretapping and
- 22 electronic surveillance) and shall have the power to conduct
- 23 investigations of activities involving organized crime and
- 24 public corruption.
- 25 Section 4. Effective date.
- 26 This act shall take effect immediately.